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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application |) PATENT APPLICATION |
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| Inventor(s): Stephen CARLEY |) |
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| Application No.: Not Yet Assigned |) |
| |) Examiner: WACHSMAN, Hal D. |
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| PROVIDING COMPOSITE VARIANCE |) |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified Application as set forth in the Amendments below.